

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 8th May 2016

June Edition of Echo Ireland

The Production of the June edition of Echo Ireland is now imminent. May 15th is the deadline. Right now you should be submitting club news, articles or items of interest to be considered for publication in the June edition of Echo Ireland.

The editor urges you to make a special effort to submit items. Email: newsteam@irts.ie

IRTS AGM 2016 – Awards

This week we continue with listing award recipients at the recent AGM held in Limerick.

The Lough Derg Shield was awarded to Dave Deane EI9FBB. The EI5AJ Memorial Cup awarded to Brian Canning EI8IU. The Roseville Cup awarded to Niall Foley EI4CF. The Thomond Trophy awarded to Network Southern Area Radio Experimenters EI9E/P. The SDR Trophy awarded to Avondhu Radio Club EI1E/P.

Full details of awards and recipients can be viewed on www.irts.ie/awards

EI DXCC List

The latest EI DXCC List at www.irts.ie/dxcc shows a number of additions and updates. We note that Dave EI9FBB joins the 'Honor Roll' for the first time, while Declan EI6FR, previously on the Mixed Honor Roll, is now also listed in the 'Honor Roll - Phone'.

As well as being avid DXers, Dave and Declan have participated in numerous DXpeditions and IOTA expeditions, most recently Dave EI9FBB was one of the EI operators on the first time activation of Hawar Island AS-202. Congratulations to Dave and Declan.

Amateur Station Licence Examination

The next Amateur Station Licence Examination will be held on Thursday, 2nd June at:

1. The ComReg Offices in Dublin and 2. The Waterford Institute of Technology.

Those applying for the examination who reside outside the greater Dublin area must write their centre of choice on the top of the application form.

Candidates intending to sit the examination and who have not yet applied are advised to apply immediately.

Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

Full details, including entry procedure, examination fee and how to pay the fee on line are available at www.irts.ie/exam .

Please note that it is necessary to download the application form from the web page and forward the completed form and the appropriate fee so as to secure a place for the examination.

If you pay the fee on line you must still complete and forward the application form.

The closing date for receipt of completed applications is Thursday, 19th May.

Three Exam Reports which were previously published in Echo Ireland are available on the Downloads section of the website at www.irts.ie/downloads under Studying for the Harmonised Amateur Radio Examination Certificate.

These reports contain very useful information for anyone studying for the Licence Examination.

Intending candidates are advised to pay particular attention to the syllabus for the examination especially Annexes 1 and 2.

Cork Radio Club

The Annual General Meeting of Cork Radio Club will be held on Wednesday next May 11th starting at 8.30pm in Carrigtwohill Community Centre. All members are requested to attend. New members will be especially welcome.

Limerick Radio Club

Limerick Radio Club will meet on Thursday 12th May in the Limerick Institute of

Technology at 7.30pm This will be the last meeting before the Summer break. Agenda items will include planned activities over the summer months and updates on current projects.

Dundalk Amateur Radio Society

The Dundalk Amateur Radio Society held its AGM on Wednesday night 4th May. A great attendance turned out for the meeting. Congratulations was given to Jarek, ex-EI1698 who obtained his new callsign, EI7HCB on the day prior to the AGM!

Following the reading of the outgoing committee's annual report which included a breakdown of the club's financial transactions and the events held throughout the year, the election of the new committee took place.

The election scrutineer was Kieran EI9DA, and the following members were deemed elected.

Tom EI9CJ, President Brian EI8EJB, Chairman Hugh EI9KF, Secretary Jim EI2HJB, Treasurer Tony EI4DIB, PRO Ivan EI1166, Caretaker The Dundalk Amateur Radio Society looks forward to a busy new club year culminating next April when we will host the IRTS 85th AGM in Dundalk.

Tipperary Amateur Radio Group

The next meeting of the Tipperary Amateur Radio Group will take place in The Park Hotel, Clonmel on Wednesday next 11th May 2016 at 8pm. This meeting is open to all and Short Wave Listeners are in particular very welcome to attend. A number of radio related topics are up for discussion as well as plans for participation in upcoming events for 2016.

For more information about Tipperary Amateur Radio Group go to www.ei7trg.ie

5MHz Newsletter

The latest edition of The 5 MHz Newsletter (No.16 Winter-Spring 2016) is now available for free pdf download from

tinyurl.com/zh65rb9

This edition features news on the latest 5 MHz allocations, a provisional bandplan

from IARU Region 1 and a cartoon that might bring back a few memories!

DX News

Mek SQ3RX will be on holiday on Gozo Island, Malta from 13th to 19th May. He will sign 9H3SQ using SSB and CW on 40m to 10m and possibly 80m. QSLs go via the home call.

Janio PY4NY will pay a return visit to Fernando de Noronha from 13th to 23rd May. He will again activate his PY0NY callsign and be QRV on 80m to 10m CW, SSB and PSK. Logs will be uploaded to Logbook of The World.

A group of Australian operators will sign VK9NT from Norfolk Island from 20th to 31st May. They plan to be active on all bands 160m to 10m on CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL manager is VK2CA.

Aaron VA1AXC is back on Sable Island on a work assignment and in his spare time is on the air as CY0/VA1AXC. He will be there until the middle of June and will be found mainly on 20m SSB. His QSL info is direct to JE1LET.

To celebrate the World Telecommunication Day (on 17th May) the special event station 8J1ITU will be active from Kasumigaura City on Honshu Island, Japan until 31st May.

Items for inclusion in next week's Radio News can be submitted via e-mail to "newsteam /at/ irts / dot / ie" for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Urgent news items for the radio news may be telephoned to the radio news editor, Aidan, EI7JC on 085 7100511.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin.

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